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Academic Positions

2025-	Professor Department of Economics, UC Davis
2016-2025	Associate Professor (with tenure) Department of Economics, UC Davis
2010-2015	Associate Professor of Public Policy Harvard Kennedy School
2005-2010	Assistant Professor of Public Policy Harvard Kennedy School
2020-2021	Visiting Scholar, Humboldt University of Berlin
Fall 2015	Visiting Associate Professor of Economics, Brandeis University
Spring 2009	Visiting Scholar, London School of Economics

Other Affiliations and Positions

Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research (2015-present)
Faculty Affiliate, International Growth Centre (2009-present)
Invited Researcher, J-PAL and EPoD Social Protection Initiative (2022-present)

Co-Editor, *Journal of Public Economics* (2016-2019)
Associate Editorial Board, *International Tax and Public Finance* (2017-present)
Associate Editor, *Journal of Development Economics* (2010-present)

Board of Directors, National Tax Association (2013-2016)
Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research (2005-2015)

Education

2005	Ph.D. Economics, Harvard University
1999	AB Economics, <i>magna cum laude</i> , Harvard University

Publications

“Politicians and Tax Policy: The Role of Preferences and Beliefs” (with Maria Ines Badin, Diana Moreira, and Juan Francisco Santini), *National Tax Journal*, 78(2): 427-67, 2025.

“In-Kind Transfers as Insurance” (with Lucie Gadenne, Sam Norris, and Sandip Sukhtankar), *American Economic Review*, 114(9): 2861-97, 2024.

“Ghosting the Tax Authority: Fake Firms and Tax Fraud in Ecuador” (with Paul Carrillo, Dave Donaldson, and Dina Pomeranz) *American Economic Review: Insights*, 5(4): 427–444, 2023. (lead article)

“Social Policy Instruments and the Compliance Environment” (with Judd Kessler and Corinne Low) *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 192: 248-267, 2021.

“Dodging the Taxman: Firm Misreporting and Limits to Tax Enforcement” (with Paul Carrillo and Dina Pomeranz) *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 9(2): 144-64, 2017.

“Tax Morale” (with Erzo F.P. Luttmer), *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 28(4): 149-168, 2014.

“Decentralization in Developing Economies” (with Lucie Gadenne), *Annual Review of Economics*, 6: 581-604, 2014.

“The Rise of the States: U.S. Fiscal Decentralization in the Postwar Period” (with Katherine Baicker and Jeffrey Clemens), *Journal of Public Economics*, 96(11-12): 1079-1091, 2012.

“Informal Taxation” (with Ben Olken), *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 3(4):1-28, 2011. (lead article)

“Culture, Context, and the Taste for Redistribution” (with Erzo F.P. Luttmer), *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 3(1): 157-79, 2011.

“Tax Incentives for Affordable Housing: The Low Income Housing Tax Credit,” (with Mihir Desai and Dhammika Dharmapala), *Tax Policy and the Economy*, 24: 181-205, 2010.

“Early-life Malaria Exposure and Adult Outcomes: Evidence from Malaria Eradication in India” (with David Cutler, Winnie Fung, Michael Kremer, and Tom Vogl), *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 2(2): 72-94, 2010.

“Special Interest Groups and the Allocation of Public Funds,” *Journal of Public Economics* 92(3-4): 548-564, 2008.

“Family Composition and Marginal Tax Rates: An Identification Strategy for Estimating Intertemporal Labor Supply Substitution,” (with Adam Looney), *National Tax Association Proceedings*, 2004

Working Papers

“Allocative Efficiency in Firm Production: A Nonparametric Test Using Procurement Lotteries” (with Paul Carrillo, Dave Donaldson, and Dina Pomeranz). Revise and resubmit, *American Economic Review*.

“The Form of Transfers: In-kind, Cash, or Vouchers?” (with Lucie Gadenne). Forthcoming, *Handbook on Social Protection*.

“Quantifying Preferences for Redistribution”

Teaching

Public Finance (undergraduate) (UC Davis)
Public Economics (graduate) (UC Davis)

Intermediate Microeconomics (Brandeis University)
Economic Analysis of Public Policy (Harvard Kennedy School)
Public Economics in International Perspective (Harvard Kennedy School)

Tom Mayer Distinguished Teaching Award, UC Davis, 2018-19
HKS Teaching Award (“Dinner on the Dean”) awarded 2011, 2015

Other Professional Activities

Program Committee, National Tax Association Annual Meetings, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012
Program Committee, Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference, 2013, 2014
Scientific Committee, International Institute for Public Finance (IIPF) Annual Congress, 2015, 2018
National Tax Association Dissertation Award Committee, 2017
Program Committee, Southern California Conference in Applied Microeconomics, 2018, 2019
Co-organizer, NBER Public Economics Program Meetings, Spring 2021
Scientific Committee, TAXDEV, 2019 - present

Reviewer *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Review, American Economic Review: Insights, B.E. Journals, Canadian Journal of Economics, Economica, Economic Inquiry, Economic Journal, European Economic Review, International Tax and Public Finance, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Geography, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, National Science Foundation, National Tax Journal, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economic Studies, Science, Southern Economic Journal, World Bank Economic Review*